



CBO's 2019 Summer Internships

Whether taking a deep dive into policy research or supporting the daily administration of the agency, the Congressional Budget Office's summer associates enjoyed many professionally and intellectually enriching opportunities during their 10-week internships this year. At CBO, interns are not summertime coffee caddies; they are fully engaged with their divisions and provide meaningful contributions to them—for example, writing a summary statement to accompany a major publication, conducting a cost estimate for proposed environmental legislation, and analyzing the cost-effectiveness of the military's practices for decommissioning fighter jets.

Life for this year's summer associates was not just work. Many took advantage of the Congressional Summer Intern Lecture Series, attended cultural events in Washington, played on CBO's softball team, or watched fireworks from the steps of the Capitol on the Fourth of July. By the end of their internships, they had immersed themselves in the nation's capital and gained a deeper understanding of how CBO operates and serves the Congress.



Carnegie Mellon University
Master's, Public Policy

"My internship at CBO provided me with a wide range of interdisciplinary experiences and access to some of most talented minds in the public sector. I worked on several cost estimates for the Congress, modeled bank failures, analyzed the budgetary impact of government programs, and modeled the effect of moving financial institutions to the General Schedule pay scale. I honed my skills in finance, economics, spreadsheet modeling, and programming, but **the best part was collaborating with Congressional staff and other agencies on my projects**. I was able to meet people throughout CBO as well as the rest of the federal government. I was encouraged to attend events on the Hill, and the weekly intern seminars kept me informed about CBO's role in the legislative branch. If you are looking for an internship where you can make an impact, broaden your skill set, and meet passionate and driven people who are always ready to help, then CBO is the place to be."



University of Texas
Ph.D., Economics

"During my internship, I forecast borrowing and loan volumes in federal student loan programs for the Financial Analysis Division. I learned institutional details of student loan eligibility and repayment, and I used that knowledge to build a realistic model of student borrowers. My colleagues at CBO helped familiarize me with the econometrics and forecasting techniques I needed. They were always available for guidance, but **I set the direction and scope of the project**, and I am proud of the work I did at CBO."



Southern Methodist University
Master's, Applied Economics
and Predictive Analytics

"Under the guidance of my supervisor in the National Security Division, I analyzed the performance of several Air Force weapons systems before and after a large-scale major maintenance event. Using nearly 40 years of historical data on several hundred airplanes, I learned and applied technical skills to create a normalized timeline of airplane performance metrics relative to the maintenance event for each weapons system and then analyzed those metrics. **CBO was committed to providing a positive experience**, scheduling weekly seminars and events for us and passing on information about events around the city."



University of Michigan
Ph.D., Economics



University of Texas
Master's, Public Affairs



University of Central Florida
B.S., Accounting



Old Dominion University
B.S., Computer Engineering



Howard University
B.A., Computer Information
Systems



Georgetown University
Master's, Public Relations and
Corporate Communications



University of Wisconsin
Ph.D., Economics and Finance



Georgetown University
Master's, Public Policy and
Law